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**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY**

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1-14-A. Assistance Agreements

1. PURPOSE: This Order redelegates certain authorities conferred on the Regional Administrator by Delegation 1-14-A of the EPA Delegations Manual.
2. AUTHORITY: To take all necessary actions to award, obligate and de-obligate funds for, and administer fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements (hereinafter financial assistance), and to make any final determinations required by law or regulations, with eligible recipients.
3. TO WHOM REDELEGATED: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Policy and Management (ARA).
4. LIMITATIONS:
  - a. This authority is limited to those financial assistance programs for which the Region has been delegated approval authority.
  - b. The authority of the Grants Specialists is limited to taking administrative non-monetary actions.
  - c. Before awarding assistance agreements of a particularly sensitive nature, redelegates should consult with the Regional Administrator and/or Deputy Regional Administrator. This should not be construed as a requirement.
5. FURTHER REDELEGATION: This authority may be redelegated as follows:
  - a. This authority may not be redelegated to a Regional official who also has the authority to approve financial assistance under redelegation of authority that would allow that official to act as both the award official and the approval official for the same financial assistance agreement(s). Therefore, with respect only to those assistance agreements for which the ARA is serving as approval official, the following authorities contained within item 2 are hereby further redelegated to the Deputy Director of the Office of Policy and Management and the Grants Management Officer (GMO): to execute fellowship, grant, cooperative and loan agreements; and to obligate funds.
  - b. With respect to all assistance agreements, the following authorities contained within item 2 are hereby redelegated to the GMO: to execute deobligation actions under \$1 million; to grant no-cost extensions of project and/or budget periods; and to take other administrative actions

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or make any final determination required by law or regulation with respect to grant and cooperative agreements (except those actions or determination required to be made by higher authority).

c. With respect to all assistance agreements, the following authorities contained within item 2 are each hereby further redelegated through the GMO to Grants Management Specialists designated by the GMO: to take final action on zero-dollar closeouts and to grant no-cost extensions of project and/or budget periods.

6. ADDITIONAL REFERENCE: Requirements of 40 CFR Chapter I, Subchapter B, Grants and Other Federal Assistance, as applicable; other applicable program regulations, Federal assistance statutes, including the Federal Grant and Cooperative Agreement Act, P.L. No. 95-224, as amended, 31 USC § 6301 et seq.; EPA's Assistance Administration Manual, and the requirements of EPA Order Series 5700.

7. SUPERSESSION: This redelegation supersedes Regional Order R-1200 (redelegation of 1-14) dated July 5, 2005.

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